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SACRAMENTO WOMAN PLEADS GUILTY TO
SIX COUNTS OF IDENTITY THEFT, BANK FRAUD,
AND OTHER WHITE COLLAR FRAUD OFFENSES

SACRAMENTO--United States Attorney McGregor W. Scott announced today that JESSICA JOYCE MEJIA, 29, of Sacramento, California, pled guilty today before United States District Judge Frank C. Damrell to numerous felony offenses related to her schemes to steal money by means of fraud and identity theft.

This case is the product of an extensive investigation by the United States Postal Inspection Service, the Sacramento Police Department's Financial Crimes Unit, and the Folsom Police Department.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Michelle Rodriguez, who is prosecuting the case, in October 2006 and November 2006, MEJIA committed bank fraud and credit card fraud by forging victim names while making purchases with stolen checks and credit cards. She obtained identity information from stolen United States mail and from items taken during burglaries and robberies, including financial documents, credit cards, and checks. In addition to her guilty plea to six counts of identity theft, MEJIA also pled guilty to four counts of bank fraud, two counts of possession of stolen United States mail, and a single count of credit card fraud. According to the plea agreement, MEJIA will also be subject to an order for full restitution.

MEJIA is scheduled to be sentenced on July 2, 2007. MEJIA faces a maximum of 30 years imprisonment for the bank fraud offenses, 15 years for each identity theft offense, five years for each stolen United States mail offense, and ten years for the credit card offense. She

also faces a five year term of supervised release. However, the actual sentence will be determined at the discretion of the court after consideration of the Federal Sentencing Guidelines, which take into account a number of variables.

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